(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) There was MIG-21 Cat-I accident of 6th May, 2001 during the military exercise "Operation Poorna Vijay" in which pilot was fatally injured.

(b) A Court of Inquiry has been ordered and is presently under progress.

(c) and (d) Government has consistently addressed this responsibility and taken all due remedial measures to reduce accident rates. These amongst others, include:

(i) every accident/incident is investigated by an independent Court of Inquiry, with the appropriate sense of urgency, cause(s) determined, and all remedial measures warranted taken;

(ii) to avoid accidents caused by the factor of human error, measures have been undertaken to constantly improve the quality of training;

(iii) for technical defects, constant interaction with HAL is maintained also where necessary Original Equipment Manufacturers consulted; and

(iv) to reduce bird hits, measures are constantly being implemented.

Passing information relating to IFA Purchases

3374. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the news-item captioned "Ex IAF men held for commercial espionage" appearing in the Hindustan Times, New Delhi dated the 28th July, 2001;

(b) if so, the details of the persons arrested by the CBI for passing information relating to confidential IAF purchases to dealers;

(c) whether Government have lost a lot of revenue on purchase of new aircrafts by the "Communication Squadron"; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) Government are aware of the said news report.

(b) CBI has recently arrested four retired and one serving Air Force personnel, one official working in the Ministry of Defence and some others.

(c) and (d) No revenue has been lost on the purchase of new aircraft by the Communication Squadron.

Reshuffle of Military and Para-Military Force

3375. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken a reorganisation and reshuffle of various military, para-military and security forces, including intelligence wings, in the context of lesson drawn from the Kargil episode and the possibility of another Kargil like situation being presented by Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard indicating the steps taken and being taken to avert another Kargil like situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) and (b) Government had constituted a Group of Ministers (GoM) on 17th April, 2000 to thoroughly review the national security system in its entirety and, in particular to consider the recomendations of the Kargil Review Committee and formulate specific proposals for implementation. The GoM had after taking into account the report of the Kargil Review Committee, Reports of the four Task Forces set up by the GoM and other inputs, finalised their recommendations for reforming the National Security System. The Group of Ministers (GoM) has made comprehensive recommendations for strengthening the existing processes, procedures and structures related to Defence Management, Intelligence Apparatus, Internal Security and Border Management. The important recommendations of the GoM relate to (i) redesignation of Service Hqrs as "Integrated Headquarters", (ii) creation of the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), (iii) creation of a Defence Procurement Board, (iv) the Defence Intelligence Agency, (v) the National Defence University, (vi) the preparation of holistic integrated Defence Perspective Plans for 15 to 20 years, (vii) strengthening the mechanism for gathering and dissemination of intelligence, (viii) rejuvenation of State Police Forces/Central Para military Forces, (ix) national service for youth, (x) expanding NCC and service in the Territorial Army, (xi) upgradation of the efficacy of the civil defence organization, (xii) setting up of village defence committees in rural areas, (xiii) revamp of the criminal justice system, (xiv) strengthening, training and equipping of Border Guarding Forces etc. The report of the GoM was presented to the Prime Minister on 26th February 2001. The Government approved the